CYNGOR CYMUNED YSTALYFERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Ystalyfera Community Hall, on 21st February 2019

Present

Cllr. Terry Flynn (Chair)
Cllrs. Alun Llewelyn, Ann Lewis, Julie Jones, Geraint Williams, Ann Jenkins, Brian Hastie, Cathy James, Simon Prothero, Tristian Lewis

Apologies

Name	**Reason**
Cllr. Rhian Llewelyn	Working
Cllr. Emyr Wyn Williams	Working
Cllr. Rosalyn Davies	Personal Reasons
Other Absence:	
Cllr. Bryan Lewis	Leave of Absence
Cllr. Arwel Hughes	Leave of Absence

		ACTION
4220.	**Welcome and late Apologies** Chair welcomed all to the meeting. No late apologies received.	
4221.	**Public Questions** There were no members of the public in attendance.	
4222.	**Minutes of previous meeting: <u>All Agreed - Resolved</u>.**	
4223 .	**January St Dwynwen / Burns Event Review** • Chair commented that is had been a fantastic evening. Cllr B. Hastie agreed that the evening had been a great success and had received positive feedback from attendees. Cllr C. James was thanked for her work on the buffet and all agreed that the amount of food was 'just right' for the event. Cllr A. Llewelyn commented that it had been an enjoyable night all round. • Only a couple of suggestions for next year from attendees – there should be a little more Scottish-themed activities. • <u>All agreed</u> that the twmpath caller, Hywel Williams should be given a cheque for £50.00 for his work on the evening. <u>Resolved</u>. • It was suggested that a Summer Event could be held for 'Gwyl Ifan'. <u>All agreed</u> that this should be looked at in the near future. <u>Resolved noted</u>.	
4224.	**Planters** • Cllr G. Williams reported that he had spoken to Lee from Quids In regarding planting some of the small Christmas trees next to the planters in preparation for next Christmas. Lee stated that there was only a 50% chance that the roots would take. Members were happy with this. <u>Resolved</u>. • Cllr G. Williams reported that the work to plant the trees and fill the planters with Spring flowers (daffodils) would be done on Tuesday 26th February in time for St David's Day. Cllr G. Williams will accompany Quids In on Tuesday. <u>Resolved noted.</u>	

	• It was stated that there had been good feedback from the community with regards to the planters, saying that they 'brighten the place up'. • All agreed that Crynant Landscapes would be used not only for the Ystalyfera village centre lamp-post planting but also for the concrete planter at the bottom of Alltygrug Road. Resolved. • It was suggested that the Community Council could take over the responsibility from the Godre'r Graig Residents Association for the planters at Carreg yr Afon and the Dram. Resolved that Clerk contact the Association to offer this.	Clerk to contact Crynant Landscapes & Godre'r Graig Residents Association.
4225.	**Cenotaph** • Clerk reported that she had received a reply from the solicitors stating that they hadn't heard back from Mr Thompson since 28th October. Process is ongoing. • Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that the memorial plaque at Pantteg Chapel is not suitable for outdoor use. Cllr B. Hasite suggested encasing the plaque so that it could be placed outside the Community Hall. All agreed that this option should be researched. • Cllr A. Llewelyn reported that some of the iron work at Pantteg Chapel is from Ystalyfera Iron Works. This is of historical importance. It was suggested that a visit to the chapel be arranged to view the iron and discuss ideas as to how this could be moved/used and/or incorporated to the proposed Heritage trail. All agreed – Resolved noted.	Clerk to liaise with solicitor. Clerk to cost outdoor cases. Cllr A. Llewelyn to liaise with Clerk to arrange visit.
4226.	**Library** • It was reported that Cllr E.W. Williams had spoken to the Clinic Practice Manager as Jonathan Parker has not responded to any correspondence. Practice Manager will follow up with Jonathan Parker. • It was decided that signage will not be ordered until lease and agreements have been approved. All agreed – Resolved.	Cllr E.W. Williams to follow up.
4227.	**Zip Wire & Project Group** • Clerk reported that she had received a full quotation from Hags-SMP for the 2 sets of outdoor gym equipment. Total cost including delivery and installation and grass matting £18,438.00. Clerk stated that she had spoken to another supplier, Sunshine Gym, and their salesman, Derek would like to meet to see the sites. All agreed that a further quote is obtained from Sunshine Gym. Resolved noted. • Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that that Paul Hinder is looking at projects to see if there's anything the Community Council could get funding for from the local fund. It was proposed by Cllr B. Hastie and seconded by Cllrs T. Lewis and C. James that a decision on what projects could be funded would be undertaken by the Chair, Cllr A. Llewelyn and Clerk. All agreed – Resolved. • Cllr G. Williams reported that one of the boulders blocking disabled access to the landslip area footpath had now been moved. Resolved noted. • Cllr A. Llewelyn stated that he had purchased flags for St David's Day for distribution around the area. He also made a Facebook post to	Clerk to arrange meeting with Derek.

	offer flags to businesses in the area who would like one in preparation for St David's Day. Resolved.	
4228.	**Dan Y Graig – Ian Graham** • It was reported that Cllr A. Llewelyn had received an email from Ian Graham saying that Dan Y Graig (a house near Pantteg Chapel) had been put up for auction. Mr Graham went to the open viewing of the sale and he believed that part of the house could well have been one of the original school rooms in the area. • It was stated that the house used to be used as a Wedding party venue in the past. • It was stated that the house has now been taken off the market and withdrawn from auction. • Mr Graham asked whether or not the Community Council could purchase the building for heritage purposes. Councillors agreed that although this was a good idea, it would not be practicable to do this. Members suggested that the building and it's school room needed to be recorded for heritage purposes and could be included on the proposed Heritage Trail. All agreed – Resolved.	Cllr A. Llewelyn to respond to Mr Graham.
4229.	**Planning** (Cllr A. Llewelyn declared an interest and left the room). Resolved. • Alleged Public Footpath – Gilfach, Clare Road, Ystalyfera: Cllr J. Jones stated that this had been used as a footpath for many years. Google Earth images show that there was always a path there. It was suggested that a kissing-gate be put at the entrance to the path. All agreed the this be suggested to NPTCBC – No objection. Planning agreed. • D. Lee, 40 Ffordd Danygraig, Godre'r Graig: Replacement of garage door with window and garage conversion - No objection. Planning agreed.	Clerk to send responses to NPTCBC.
4230.	**Community Hall Maintenance Review** • Clerk reported that she had contacted an electrician regarding a quote for LED lighting for the main hall and entrance hallway. Awaiting quote. • Cllrs toured the building and noted lots of areas where works would be required including; rising damp in Gents toilets, hole in partition wall in Ladies toilets, floor replacement throughout, painting of main hall and removal of border wallpaper, removal of piano and lectern, removal of old ceiling tiles from boiler room, painting of windows (internal and external). • Clerk stated that a fire extinguisher check was due. Resolved that Clerk contact Chubb to arrange inspection. • It was decided that a complete refurbishment of the toilets would be necessary. Resolved. • It was suggested that a skip be rented to get rid of unwanted contents – All agreed. Cllrs offered to help with removal of unwanted contents. Resolved. • It was suggested that cupboards used by Tiddlywinks and Weight Watchers be cleared and clearly labelled – Resolved. • It was suggested that as soon as the hall has had its facelift, then the hall should be marketed online as a go-to venue for use for children's parties and for community groups. All agreed - Resolved.	Clerk to research prices for lighting, toilet facilities and some damp-proof works. Clerk to contact Chubb. Clerk to book skip and liaise with Councillors. Clerk to contact Tiddlywinks and Weight Watchers.

	• It was suggested that an updated user agreement be made for hall users. Resolved.	Clerk to draft a user agreement.
4231.	**Correspondence** • Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue: updated details – Clerk to respond. • Marie Curie: Letter of thanks for donation. • Age Cymru Swansea Bay: Letter of thanks for donation. • Powys LDP: invitation for comments on landscape and renewable energy. Clerk to scan and forward to councillors. • Mayor's Charity Dinner invitation: No interest from Councillors. • K. Taylor: request for youth funds for 2 residents of Graig Newydd, Godre'r Graig. All agreed to donate £100 from the Youth Fund. • L. Cole: Tiddlywinks Open Access Play. All agreed that Open Access Play should be funded agreed in principle for the coming year. • One Voice Wales: membership renewal. All agreed to renew. • A. Parker: grant request for vandalised windows. Clerk to respond stating that the Community Council does not give grant aid to individuals, only community groups or not-for-profit organisations. • A. Micah: Ystalyfera Mural. All agreed that June would be a good time to work on the mural. Clerk to respond. Resolved. • B. Thomas: Godre'r Graig Playgroup – further information. All agreed that £200.00 grant should be awarded. Resolved. • Urdd Gobaith Cymru: request for grant assistance. All agreed that £25.00 should be donated. They missed the date for grant requests but as the Eisteddfod will take place before July 2019, this would be awarded as a gesture of good-will. Resolved.	Clerk to respond.
4232.	**Accounts & Finance:** • Clerk's incremental pay raise agreed by Chair. Resolved. • The Clerk reported that Microsoft Office and McCafee Anti-virus will soon be expiring. Clerk to check with BT Broadband whether or not free anti-virus software would be included with the broadband package, otherwise all agreed to renew both software packages for £59 at Argos. Accounts: 704248 Marie Curie (Grant Donation) £25.00 704249 CISS (Grant Donation) £25.00 704250 Tawe Angling (Grant Donation) £100.00 704251 A. Llewelyn (Event Reimbursement) £61.68 704252 Age Cymru Swansea Bay (Grant Donation) £25.00 704253 Ystalyfera RFC Juniors (Grant Donation) £100.00 704254 Chunky 7's Event Sponsorship £300.00 704255 Ystalyfera Bowls Green (Grant Donation) £200.00 704256 Ynysmeudwy FC (Grant Doantion) £100.00 704257 St David's Church Hall (Grant Donation) £100.00 704258 R. Pugh Tonmawr Christmas Trees £355.00 704259 Npower (Gas Community Hall) £734.93 704260 A. Llewelyn (Reimbursement Flags) £144.60 704261 HMRC (February Tax & NI) £270.09 704262 E. Dye (Dance World Cup Donation) £100.00	

	704263	NPTCBC (Annual Grounds Maintenance)	£3584.40	
	704264	NPTCBC (Lease Godre'r Graig Park)	£134.50	
	704265	One Voice Wales (Membership Renewal)	£779.00	
	704266	Tiny Tots Playgroup (Grant Donation)	£200.00	
	BACS	Viking (Stationery & Inks)	£48.24	
	BACS	BT Broadband (January)	£70.68	
	BACS	Staff Wages & Expenses	£1687.21	
	BACS	G. Williams (MS Office Reimbursement)	£59.99	
	BACS	NPTCBC (Lease Footbridge)	£1.00	
	DD	Survey Monkey	£29.17	
	DD	Vodafone	£24.00	
	Resolved.			
	The next meeting of the Council will be held at 7:00pm on 21st March 2019 at Godre'r Graig School.			